

Amendment to the Claims

Claims 1 – 22 (cancelled – with the first amendment)

Claims 23 – 43 (cancelled – with the second amendment).

Claim 44 (cancelled – with the current (third) amendment)

Claim 45 (currently amended to be an independent claim). ~~The carrying case according to 44~~ A carrying case for electronic devices or documents having a housing wherein the walls of the housing are of a multi-layered or sandwich construction consisting of at least one first layer of material with a maximum thickness of 4 mm and a high modulus of elasticity in shear, and of at least a second inner layer of material with a minimum thickness of 4 mm and a high modulus of elasticity in shear, high damping and low density, and of a third layer of material with a maximum thickness of 4 mm and a high modulus of elasticity in shear, said housing comprising:

at least one loudspeaker for reproduction of audio frequencies mounted on one of said walls of the housing;

at least one storage compartment for storing paper, documents, electronic devices or objects; said storage compartment which serves to create a loudspeaker enclosure for reproduction of low frequencies when closed.

Claim 46 (currently amended). The carrying case according to claim ~~[[44]]~~ 45 wherein the walls of the housing are of a multi-layered or sandwich construction consisting of at least one first layer comprising a material with a maximum thickness of 4 mm and a high modulus of elasticity in shear, and of at least a

second layer of material with a minimum thickness of 4 mm and a high modulus of elasticity in shear, high damping and low density, and of a third layer of material with a maximum thickness of 4 mm and a high modulus of elasticity in shear, at least one of said layers utilizing one or more materials with anisotropic load-bearing characteristics.

Claim 47 (currently amended). The carrying case according to claim ~~[[44]]~~ 45 wherein the interior of the briefcase is formed with a storage compartment lid with spring latches and elastic gaskets to serve as a passive loudspeaker membrane or passive loudspeaker membrane suspension for a passive-radiator loudspeaker enclosure design.

Claim 48 (cancelled – with the current (third) amendment).

Claim 49 (currently amended). The carrying case according to claim ~~[[44]]~~ 45, wherein a movable interior wall for said storage compartment is included which serves to create said loudspeaker enclosure for reproduction of low frequencies when positioned on said at least one storage compartment.

Claim 50 (currently amended). The carrying case according to claim ~~[[44]]~~ 45, wherein the housing comprises two mateable shells which are connected by means of a hinge.

Claim 51 (previously presented). The carrying case according to claim 50, wherein the hinge is separable.

Claim 52 (previously presented). The carrying case according to claim 50, wherein the movable interior wall forms a lid for said storage compartment which can be opened and closed.

Claim 53 (previously presented). The carrying case according to claim 52, wherein the lid is in the form of a pan with a deep bottom.

Claim 54 (currently amended). The carrying case according to claim ~~[[44]]~~ 45, wherein the storage compartment forms a resonance chamber and is lined with an acoustic damping material of at least 4 mm thickness which protects items stored therein and causes a damping of acoustic waves of the loudspeaker.

Claim 55 (currently amended). The carrying case according to claim ~~[[44]]~~ 45, further comprising interface means for connections to the loudspeaker.

Claim 56 (currently amended). The carrying case according to claim ~~[[44]]~~ 45, further comprising a volume control potentiometer for the loudspeaker.

Claim 57 (previously presented). The carrying case according to claim 55, further comprising an electrical amplifier means for increasing and controlling the loudness of the audio signal provided to the loudspeaker.

Claim 58 (previously presented). The carrying case according to claim 55, wherein the interface means for connections comprise a microphone connection.

Claim 59 (previously presented). The carrying case according to claim 55, wherein the interface means for connections comprise a connection for an external power source.

Claim 60 (previously presented). The carrying case according to claim 55, further comprising an energy source in the form of a battery in said housing.

Claim 61 (previously presented). The carrying case according to claim 55, wherein the interface means for connections comprise means for sending and receiving analog and digital signals by means of radio or infrared frequency.

Claim 62 (currently amended). The carrying case according to claim ~~[[44]]~~ 45 wherein the housing comprises mounting means for mounting the speaker selectively to a stand or to a wall. --

Claim 63 (new independent claim). A carrying case for electronic devices or documents having a housing wherein the walls of the housing are of a multi-layered or sandwich construction consisting of at least one first layer of material with a maximum thickness of 4 mm and a high modulus of elasticity in shear, and of at least a second inner layer of material with a minimum thickness of 4 mm and a high modulus of elasticity in shear, high damping and low density, and of a third layer of

material with a maximum thickness of 4 mm and a high modulus of elasticity in shear, at least one of said layers utilizing one or more materials with anisotropic load-bearing characteristics, said housing comprising:

- at least one loudspeaker for reproduction of audio frequencies mounted on one of said walls of the housing;

- at least one storage compartment for storing paper, documents, electronic devices or objects; said storage compartment which serves to create a loudspeaker enclosure for reproduction of low frequencies when closed.

Claim 64 (new independent claim). A carrying case for electronic devices or documents having a housing wherein the walls of the housing are of a multi-layered or sandwich construction consisting of at least one first layer of material with a maximum thickness of 4 mm and a high modulus of elasticity in shear, and of at least a second inner layer of material with a minimum thickness of 4 mm and a high modulus of elasticity in shear, high damping and low density, and of a third layer of material with a maximum thickness of 4 mm and a high modulus of elasticity in shear, said housing comprising:

- at least one loudspeaker for reproduction of audio frequencies mounted on one of said walls of the housing;

- at least one storage compartment for storing paper, documents, electronic devices or objects; said storage compartment which serves to create a loudspeaker enclosure for reproduction of low frequencies when closed;

- wherein the interior of the briefcase is formed with a storage compartment lid with spring latches and elastic gaskets to serve as a passive loudspeaker membrane or passive loudspeaker

**membrane suspension for a passive-radiator loudspeaker
enclosure design.**